RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 9th December, 1992/18 Agrahayana, 1914 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the Clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) जोशी जी का पता बताओ और उन्हें सदन में लाओ। (व्यवधान)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : सभापति जी, हम लोग चाहते हैं कि सदन की कार्यवाही हो।

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let the Leader of the Opposition speak. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Sir, we are in favour of having the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SIKANDER BAKTH : Sir, I request you to let us know the whereabouts of Dr. Joshi. He has been taken away from Delhi. We do not know his whereabouts. Where is Dr. Joshi ? (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the Leader of the Opposition speak.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (ANDHRA PRADESH) : Sir, I propose that the House pass a resolution condemning the demolition of the mosque and..... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT : We want to know the whereabouts of Dr. Joshi. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you want to say anything, say it properly. Do you want to say anything ? Then, say it properly. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you do not allow the House to function, I am afraid, I have to adjourn the House. (*Interruptions*) Either you allow the House to function or I adjourn the House. (*Interruptions*) I adjourned the House till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned at five minutes past eleven of the clock.

Supply of Cotton Yarn to Gujarat

*221 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :

SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of cotton yarn, dyes and chemicals have sky rocketted as a result of which it is impossible for the weavers to purchase such items from the open market without Government's aid;

(b) whether the required quantity of cotton yarn is presently not available to the weavers in Gujarat;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to provide assistance to handloom weavers in the State so as to save them from starvation;

(d) if so, what are the details of assistance provided by Government during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government propose to supply cotton yarn every month to Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The prices of cotton yarn and dyes and chemical have registered some increase.

(b) No, Sir. There are no reports of shortage in the availability of cotton yarn and dyes and chemicals to handloom weavers.

(c) There are also no reports of starvation or distress conditions of handloom weavers in Gujarat. In order to improve the conditions of handloom weavers, a number of schemes like workshed-cum-housing scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme and special package scheme are in operation in Gujarat. Weavers Service Centre located at Ahmedabad has been providing improved designs to weavers for increasing the market-ability of their products. The scheme for supply of yarn at mill-gate prices has been recently started in which 10 million kgs of yarn will be supplied to handloom weavers of the country including those in Gujarat during 1992-93.

(d) Substantial assistance for implementation of various ongoing schemes for the development of handlooms has been provided to the State Govt. of Gujarat as per the following details :—

Year	Amount of Assistance provided (Rs. in lakhs)
1989-90	641.38
1990-91	634.24
1991-92	141.84

(e) Govt. do not directly supply cotton yarn to the weavers in the country. A number of State agencies with financial assistance from Central Govt. are undertaking supply of cotton yarn to weavers of Gujarat in addition to private sources of supply. The National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) is also supplementing the yarn supply operations of State Handloom Agencies.

इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार और क्षिप्रा नदी के प्रदूषण नियंत्रण संबंधी परियोजनाएं

*222. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार तथा क्षिप्रा नदी के प्रदूषण नियंत्रण और सफाई संबंधी कोई परियोजनाएं केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास भेजी हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये परियोजनाएं कब भेजी गई थीं;

(ग) क्या इन परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई है, यदि हां तो कब ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसमें विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने का विचार ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री: श्री कमल नाथ : (क) से (ङ) क्षिप्रा एवं खान नदियों के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिए क्रमश: 37.50 करोड़ रुपए एवं 8.46 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत का एक प्रस्ताव मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से जनवरी, 1991 में प्राप्त हुआ था । इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार के लिए एक अन्य प्रस्ताव 2.63 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर म्यूनिसिपल कार्पोरेशन से जुलाई, 1991 में प्राप्त हुआ था । खान और क्षिप्रा नदी को प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के उपागम-पत्र (एप्रोच-पेपर) में शामिल किया गया है, जो सरकार के विचाराधीन है। इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण के सुधार के लिए केवल वे घटक, जो कि खान नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण से संबंधित हैं, उन पर प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत, संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और उनकी परस्पर प्राथमिकता के आधार पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Roads in Rajasthan

*223. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to declare any roads/State Highways as National Highways during 1992-93 and also during the Eighth Five Year Plan period State-wise; if so, the funds allocated therefor during 1992-93;

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government had requested the Central Government for declaring Bikaner-Merta-Ajmer-Bhilwara - Chittorgarh-Ratlam - Indore (from NH-15 to NH-3), Gurgaon Alwar - Sariska - Dansa - Sawai Madhopur Shivpur and two more roads as National Highways; if so, the funds allocated till the 30th November, 1992 during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the foreign assistance to be received for the purpose and the amount to be given to Rajasthan ?